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FREIGHT AND PASSENGER DIVISION

TUCUMCARI WILL HAVE LARGEST ROUND HOUSE AND SHOPS ON SOUTHWESTERN SYSTEM OUTSIDE OF THOSE AT EL PASO.

Preparing to Move 500 to 1000 Cars of Coke and Coal a Day.

Now, what we give you on this subject is what we got in interview from right-of-way agent Bergen who spent a day or two of this week in Tucumcari in the interest of the Southwestern Company. We got nothing from him that we consider definite information. The situation is simply this: The Southwestern sent right-of-way agent Bergen here, so Bergen says, to ascertain if it were possible for them to secure at a reasonable figure sixty acres of land joining their forty which was acquired by C. B. Eddy for the E. P. & N. E. System soon after the road was completed to this point and which in addition to same will give them 100 acres for round house, shops, tracks, etc. He was not prepared to submit any proposition by which he desired to get this property, but was under instructions from General Manager Simmons to report conditions as he found them, following which the railroad company is to submit a proposition to the business interests of this community, outlining what they want in connection with what they proposed to do. We found out enough to justify us in saying that the railway company wants an additional sixty acres of land on which to place its shops and round house, trackage etc., but not the manner by which they desire to obtain it. The plan is for 900 to 1,000 feet along the Southwestern track, west, crossing a portion of the Goldenberg and Daub property and a quarter of the Smith heirs property touching the southeast eighty of the Coble heirs.

Bergen explained to us that among the things the railway proposed to do is the building of shops and round house which will be the largest on the system outside of El Paso, and that they will employ at least 300 men. They desire in

this connection to have sufficient trackage to make up trains and handle daily 500 to 1000 car loads of coke and coal from the Dawson mines which the company's mines, smelters and railway require in Arizona. Of course this will require several miles of trackage, including repair track, switches, etc. This will be both a passenger and freight division and consequently the home of many railroad men, all of which augurs much for the future of our city and will bring to us such improvements as modern hotels, gymnasiums, public libraries, etc. In every Southwestern town they are always heavy contributors to Y. M. C. A. buildings and other benevolent enterprises.

There seems to be little question that the deal for the 59 miles of track from Tucumcari to Santa Rosa is consummated, and that the property will be turned to the Southwestern in July, and that the long sought agreement between the two systems will be in operation on and after July 1 this year.

These improvements are to be made, and the only question at issue between railroad interests and our city is just where shops and round house will be located. Of course Tucumcari has unanimously agreed that we want these improvements as near the city as possible, but it is not a settled fact that we will be able to control the matter, and there is a possibility of us missing it a mile or so.

Anyway it means much to our town to treat the submitted proposition from the Southwestern, when it comes, with the greatest consideration possible, and show the company all the courtesy due an enterprise of such magnitude.

Shops and round houses, such as they purpose to build, will make Tucumcari a town of five to seven thousand inhabitants.

Paxton, superintendent of motive

power, and Hawkes, general superintendent, were here several days with a surveyor to determine suitable locations for the improvements under consideration.

The telephone company has a new switch board in this week of 300 drops.

The M. B. Goldenberg Co. is getting about \$20,000 worth of new goods.

Thirty acres of the Smith tract was bought this week by M. B. Goldenberg for \$75.00 per acre.

The Germania fire insurance company has this week started business in Quay county. T. W. Heman is the agent.

O. M. Callahan, a Dodson farmer, was in yesterday for supplies. He said it snowed out there about three days and averaged a foot a day.

C. Brangan, of Rock Island, Ill., and Marvin Burke of Chicago, I. T., were here this week and located homes fifteen miles southeast of Tucumcari.

J. W. Hancock and wife are here from Dawson to visit a week with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alvey. Mrs. Alvey is their daughter. They will return to Shawnee, Okla., their former home, when the visit is ended.

Married—At the residence of John Mathews, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, 21st inst., John Wilcox and Miss Etta Kerr, the Rev. E. M. Waller officiating. The invited guests were the closest friends of the contracting parties. This paper joins the friends in extending congratulations.

Lovers' Hearts.

How old is the emblem of a lover's heart? In the days before metals were used weapons made of stone were formed by prehistoric men. Among the most notable of such ancient weapons are a number of beautifully chipped arrowheads which have been taken to be the work of fairies and have therefore been used as charms from very remote times. In Scotland they are called "elf bolts," and they are so shaped that when the central projection is broken off the semblance of a lover's heart remains. — London Answers.

PASSES OVER THE DIVIDE

H. A. Hanson of Roy Passed Into the Land of Eternity.

Mr. Hans. A. Hanson, one of Roy's leading citizens passed away at seven o'clock Thursday evening in this city. Hans. A. Hanson was born in Norway, November 2nd, 1880. He came to Minnesota with his parents when three years of age. He grew to manhood in the city of Fairbault, where he attended the public schools until 17 years of age. He studied for two years in the law department of the University of Minnesota. He was battalion bugler in the 12th Minnesota Regiment in the Spanish-American war.

He came to Roy in July, 1905 becoming interested in this paper of which he was managing editor up to the time of his death. Mr. Hanson was a man of high standing in business and in society. He was secretary of the Roy Commercial Club, and leader of the Roy orchestra. His death is a big loss to this city. He was beloved by every one who knew him. — Spanish-American.

Record of Births and Deaths.

One of the laws enacted by the last legislature, probate clerks must keep records of births and deaths, and that certificates of such occurrences be furnished to the probate clerk of each county by physicians, midwives, nurses and other attendants. This law will prove of great value in gathering statistics, and is similar to laws in force in most of the states. This law is to become operative one month from the date of its passage on Sunday, April 21.

J. P. Barnett and wife were in town Thursday to attend the carnival. Mr. Barnett tells us that he is going out of the stock business and open up a good farm. He is planting a large acreage this year, and will next year devote his time exclusively to agriculture.

J. P. White has opened a saloon at Montoya. He says there is a good business in every line in that flourishing new town.

J. S. White was in from the San Jon country, Friday to take a look at the carnival.

A. L. Simpson, now located at San Antonio, N. M., and a former resident of Tucumcari, is spending a few days here looking after business matters.